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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. MOSCOW 5973 ON JOURNALISTS' VISAS, CAN UNDERSTAND YOUR SURPRISE AT DECISION MADE. WE SENT YOU ON APRIL 28 COPY OF OUR MEMO ON THIS SUBJECT WHICH GIVES SOME OF BACKGROUND. IN SHORT, DECISION WENT AGAINST OUR RECOMMENDATION. NO ASSURANCES AT ALL ON NADLER, THAT WE KNOW OF.

2. OUR MESSAGE CENTER IS IN A TERRIBLE SNARL AS A RESULT OF SWITCHING TO A NEW AUTOMATED SYSTEM, AND AS A RESULT MESSAGES TAKE 3-4 DAYS TO GET DISTRIBUTED IN EUR AT TIMES. UNTIL THINGS SHAKE DOWN IN A WEEK OR SO YOU SHOULD BEAR THIS IN MIND AND ERR ON THE SIDE OF HIGH PRECEDENCE WHEN YOU WANT TO CATCH OUR ATTENTION.

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3. WE HAVE PUT AVIS' CASE INTO THE PER CHANNEL. WE DELAYED DOING SO AS WE SAID BECAUSE WE WERE PRETTY SURE THIS WOULD FORECLOSE THE POSSIBILITY OF HER COMING. WE BELIEVE WE WERE RIGHT ON THAT ONE, AND PERSONNEL IS SCOUTING AROUND FOR ALTERNATIVES. WE HAVE SUGGESTED JUDY MANDEL TO THE CONSULAR SLOT. YOU MAY REMEMBER HER

AS THE WIFE OF A FORMER LENINGRAD STAZHER WHO WORKED  
IN LONDON, THEN RSE. FAIR RUSSIAN. AN O-7 OR O-6,  
WE GUESS. SHE WANTS TO DO IT.

4. AS YOU KNOW WE HAVE ALWAYS AGREED WITH YOU ON THE  
NEED FOR FLEXIBILITY AND HAVE ARGUED YOUR CASE HERE.  
WE DON'T THINK THERE WILL BE MUCH RESISTANCE TO YOUR  
APPROACH, ESPECIALLY WITH AVIS' PROBLEM TO BOLSTER IT.  
ON TUA, WE HAVE TOLD HIM EXPLICITLY THAT THERE IS NO  
GUARANTEE THAT HE WILL MOVE FROM PPO AFTER ONE YEAR,  
WHICH HE UNDERSTANDS. WE WENT ALONG WITH A SPLIT  
ASSIGNMENT ON PAPER BECAUSE THIS WAS THE ONLY WAY WE  
COULD GET KUSHLIS PROGRAMMED INTO LANGUAGE TRAINING  
THIS SUMMER. HE IS DOING AN EXCELLENT JOB FOR US, AND  
GIVEN THE FALLOUT RATIO WE FELT IT HIGHLY DESIREABLE  
TO HAVE A CUSHION FOR 1978. HIS WIFE IS A USIA OFFICER,  
PANELLED INTO AN ASSIGNMENT IN MOSCOW TOO--A REAL  
HOUSING SAVING.

5. ASSUMING EUR CAN GET THE TRAVEL FUNDS, WOULD KEN  
SKOUG LIKE TO COME TO WASHINGTON FOR THE ECONOMIC EXPERTS'  
AND JOINT COMMERCIAL COMMISSION MEETINGS? WE (ALONG  
WITH TREASURY AND COMMERCE) HOPE VERY MUCH THAT HE CAN  
DO SO. CHRISTOPHER

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